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Foreword

Over a hundred and twenty participants from seven countries in the Western Pacific Region attended the first NaGISA Westpac Congress held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 26 to 28, October, 2008. The congress was organized in an effort to facilitate the interaction of near shore benthic ecologists and taxonomists, strengthen the connection between NaGISA and complementary projects, and to present research and results from the NaGISA projects carried out in the Western Pacific region. The congress was an overall success initiating dialogue not only between countries but also specialties. The highlight of the event was the realization by participants and organizers alike that both the project's scientific goals and long-term aspirations are within the reach.

This volume is a compilation of papers given at the NaGISA Westpac Congress. It does not cover all the material presented though many papers were submitted. Most papers were rejected to be printed due to lack of high scientific accomplishment in the content. The editors realized it is urgent need to train participants of our project in the skill of writing scientific papers that will help our community to be well presented in the scientific society in the future.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all authors and reviewers, and our sincere thanks to the foundations that supported NaGISA Westpac Congress 2008: Nippon Foundation, Sloan Foundation, and Japan Society for Promotion of Science. Our special thanks are extended to Dr. Susetiono and other colleagues from Institute of Oceanology, LIPI, Indonesia, who provided a lot of support to this congress (finance and human power).

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